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Encouragement to spinning and weaving in Cuddapah district.

*162 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: With reference to the answers given to my question No. 1753 answered on 15th March 1928, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) why the Government have chosen to sanction spinning only in conjunction with weaving in elementary schools;

(b) why they restrict this programme only to schools under district boards and municipalities;

(c) whether the consideration of the recommendations (ii) and (iii) on page 6 of the report of the special officer for cottage industries in the Cuddapah district has been completed;

(d) whether the Government propose to put those recommendations into execution;

(e) how far the proposal to construct a cheap model hand-ginning machine has been carried;

(f) whether the question of improving the carding bow has been taken up;

(g) whether the Government have ever consulted the All-India Spinners, Association on the question of standardization of counts and hanks or other questions about spinning;

(h) whether the Government are prepared to make any part of their cloth purchases in khadi at cost price; and

(i) if so, to what extent?

A.—(a) & (b) The answer to clause (1) of question No. 1753 was made with special reference to the observations of the Special Officer about the introduction of spinning in elementary schools in conjunction with weaving. The hon. Member will however observe from the rules framed under the Elementary Education Act that spinning by itself can also be taught in elementary schools, provided it is not taught for more than four hours a week during school hours.

(c) & (d) The recommendations are of a general character and are applicable to the whole Presidency. Their further consideration has therefore been deferred pending the completion of the survey of all the districts and the receipt of the Special Officer's final report.

(e) & (f) It has not yet been found possible for the Director of Industries to initiate these experiments.

(g) No.

(h) & (i) The Government are not prepared to give any such undertaking.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know from the hon. the Minister for Development when it is likely that the Director of Industries will initiate the experiments referred in clauses (e) and (f) of the answer?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"He will be reminded."

Mr. L. K. Tulasiram:—"Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the reasons why the rules framed under the Madras Elementary Education Act restrict the hours of teaching spinning by itself in the elementary schools during school hours only to four hours a week?"

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The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"That is a matter for the Educational Department."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I do not think that question arises."

Mr. L. K. TULASIRAM :—"The answer is 'under the rules framed under the Elementary Education Act, spinning by itself can also be taught in elementary schools provided it is not taught for more than four hours a week during school hours'. That is the answer given by the hon. the Minister. So the question applies to the department which is under the charge of the hon. the Minister."

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"The Educational Department has passed the orders."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member is requested to put his question to the hon. the Education Minister separately."

Mr. L. K. TULASIRAM :—"Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to tell us whether the Director of Industrie thinks that it is possible to initiate experiments about time-saving spinning machines?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"I shall ascertain from him."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"In view of the answer given, will the hon. the Minister consult the hon. Minister for Education and see that this bar on the time for sp nning is removed?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Yes; the matter will be considered."

Reduction of the price of charcoal in Cuddapah district.

*163 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : With reference to the answer to clause (iii) of my question No. 1753, answered on 15th March 1928, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Conservator of Forests was prepared to help in the reduction of prices of charcoal as recommended by the Special Officer;

(*b*) whether it was the Director of Industries that came to the conclusion that even a considerable reduction in the present price of charcoal would not improve the position of the industry; and

(*c*) what was the data on which he came to such a conclusion as against the data furnished by the Special Officer?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Director of Industries came to this conclusion after discussion with the Conservator of Forests, Bellary. The discussion took place after the publication of the report and with specific reference to the recommendations of the Special Officer.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"With regard to the answer to clause (*c*) may I know whether the hon. the Minister cannot give me more particulars about the data on which the Director of Industries came to the conclusion referred to?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"The information will be furnished later."